

REMARKS

The Office action mailed from the U.S. Patent Office on February 5, 2004, imposes a species restriction of claims according to the following figures: FIG. 1, FIG. 2 [sic], FIG. 3A, FIG. 3B, FIG. 4, FIG. 5A, FIG. 5B, FIG. 6, and FIG. 7 [sic].

In response to the above restriction requirement, Applicant elects to prosecute initially claims 1, 4-12, 14, 15, 17, and 60-63, which are best depicted by FIG. 4; and withdraws claims 20-30, 32-44, 47, 48, 52, and 53 from prosecution. Applicant reserves the right to prosecute the withdrawn claims in future related application.

If the Examiner believes a conversation with Applicants' attorney would be helpful in expediting prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the number below.

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